

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY 2012-2013 PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK for:  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT – INTERPRETIVE SIGNS AND EXHIBITS**

**Project No.: PIP 12H**

**Lead Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Program Director’s Office)

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**Date:** June 7, 2011

**Category:**

**Expected Funding**

**Source:**

- Ongoing project
- Ongoing-revised project
- Requested new project
- Unsolicited proposal

- Annual funds
- Capital funds
- Other (explain)

**I. Title of Proposal:** Interpretive Signs and Exhibits About the Endangered Fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin

**II. Background:**

Interpretive signs and exhibits at museums and visitor centers are key tools used to educate the general public. Numerous opportunities exist for the Recovery Program to partner with public and private organizations to develop signs and exhibits that will explain the importance of recovering the endangered fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin and some of the actions taking place to accomplish this. Priority for placement of interpretive signs and exhibits will be given to geographic locations where the majority of Recovery Program efforts are taking place in Colorado and Utah. In addition, funds will be budgeted to maintain existing Recovery Program exhibits in these states, as well as in Page, Arizona. (See attached list of completed Recovery Program interpretive projects.)

**III. Study Schedule:**

Initial year: FY 2001  
Final year: Ongoing

#### **IV. Relationship to RIPRAP:**

VI. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE ENDANGERED FISHES AND THE RECOVERY PROGRAM.

#### **V. Strategies/Dates:**

**FY 2012** -- Complete the following projects that were implemented in FY 2011:

- a. State Park Interpretive Signs. Work with Elkhead and James M. Robb-Colorado River state parks in western Colorado to replace worn and outdated interpretive signs about endangered fish and the Recovery Program.  
Responsibility: Debbie Felker  
Completion Date: June 2012
- b. Signs for the Visually-Impaired. Work with Grand Valley Audubon in western Colorado to produce an interpretive sign for the visually-impaired about the endangered fish.  
Responsibility: Debbie Felker  
Completion Date: June 2012
- c. Interpretive Exhibit Maintenance. Funds are needed to ensure that Recovery Program signs and exhibits are well maintained and that interpretive messages are current.  
Responsibility: Debbie Felker  
Completion Date: Ongoing

#### **FY 2013**

Although no new projects are currently planned for FY 13, \$15,000 has been requested as a contingency for maintenance and new signs (to be determined).

#### **VI. Budget:**

##### **FY 2012**

FY 11 carryover funds in the amount of \$21,000 will be used to complete these projects.

##### **FY 2013**

\*\$15,000 is requested as a contingency for interpretive exhibit maintenance and new signs (TBD).

## Status of Completed Recovery Program Interpretive Exhibits as of June 7, 2011

### Arizona

- Interpretive exhibit with aquarium, Carl Hayden Visitor Center at Glen Canyon Dam, Page
- The exhibit the Recovery Program helped establish at Yuma Crossing State Historical Park was removed when the state closed the park. (Recovery program funds were not used.)

### Colorado

- The interpretive exhibit with aquarium previously located at Colorado River State Park Visitor Center in Fruita was relocated in 2007 to the Colorado Division of Wildlife/U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center in Steamboat Springs, Colorado
- Interpretive exhibit with aquarium, The Montrose Pavilion, Montrose
- Interpretive exhibit with aquarium, Downtown Aquarium (formerly Ocean Journey), Denver
- Interpretive exhibit with aquarium, Clifton Sanitation near Grand Junction
- Trailside signs and Colorado pikeminnow benches are in place along the Colorado Riverfront Trail and at the Grand Valley Audubon Society's Lucy Ferril Ela Wildlife Sanctuary, Grand Junction
- Interpretive exhibit re: native and nonnative fishes of the Yampa River, Yampa River State Park Visitor Center, Hayden
- Interpretive signs at Wolford Mountain Reservoir near Kremmling. This was a cooperative project with the Colorado River District.
- Interpretive signs are in place at Elkhead Reservoir near Craig. This was also a cooperative project with the Colorado River District.
- Angler notification signs are posted along rivers and at boat launch sites.
- Angler sign at Rifle Gap State Park (cooperative project with Colorado Division of Wildlife)? I think this was removed.

### Utah

- Outdoor kiosk and indoor interpretive exhibit at Ouray National Fish Hatchery near Vernal
- The aquarium previously used at Dinosaur National Monument was relocated to Uintah High School in Vernal
- Angler notification signs posted along rivers and at boat launch sites
- Ouray National Wildlife Refuge near Vernal (There are several outdoor signs about endangered fish that the refuge developed with its own funds)

- Brown's Park National Wildlife Refuge developed an interpretive exhibit at its visitor center and interpretive signs at a fishing site
- Living Planet Aquarium, Sandy, Utah: The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources worked with the Recovery Program in FY 2010 to establish an interpretive exhibit with endangered fish. No program funds were used for this project. The aquarium plans to relocate to a larger space in the future.